

WHEREAS, Humanity has come to recognize devotion and allegiance to immediate family, to clan, to city, state and nation, but has not yet fully comprehended devotion to our WORLD and HUMANKIND; and,

WHEREAS, Words of praise and positive thoughts have the quality of generating harmony, energy and a cooperative spirit among people as they work together for the common good; and,

WHEREAS, Gratitude for the blessings of life, both large and small, rather than taking for granted is a positive emotion indigenous to all people and considerations made in a grateful state of mind foster peace among men and nations; and,

WHEREAS, September twenty-first is an equinox when days and nights are of equal length everywhere and the equality of all people is appropriately symbolized:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 21, 1972, as

GRATITUDE DAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and invite all citizens to pause to be grateful for the goodness of life and being, recognizing that this emotion is shared by many others simultaneously throughout the world. Let it be a day of celebration for all dedicated to the grateful state of mind which will foster world peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this 29th day of August, in
the Year of Our Lord,
Nineteen Hundred and
Seventy-two.



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE